

R E M A R K S

Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 1, 3-6, 9, 14, 16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over O'Connor '544 in view of Vogel '788 and Sethuram et al. '928 (hereafter Sethuram) has been obviated in part by appropriate amendment, is respectfully traversed in part, and should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over O'Connor in view of Vogel, Sethuram and Lahat et al. '074 has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 11-13, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over O'Connor in view of Vogel, Sethuram and Larsen '553 has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over O'Connor in view of Vogel has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over O'Connor in view of Vogel has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The allowable matter of claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 23. Matter similar to the allowable matter of claim 2 has been incorporated into claims 1 and 16.

TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

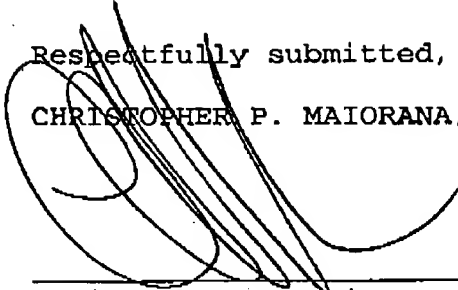
Applicant's representative (Chris Maiorana) and Examiner Toan D. Nguyen, held a series of telephone conferences the week of August 15, 2005. An agreement was reached that the claim amendments in this amendment would place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner indicated that the amendments would be entered in an Examiner's amendment. However, on August 22, 2005, the Examiner indicated that the PTO would like an amendment with the agreed claim changes faxed. Also, the Examiner indicated that the non-patent documents submitted in an IDS on September 22, 2000 would be considered and that an initialed PTO-1449 would be returned.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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